



# What's the Buzz in Room 6?

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Dear First Grade Families and Friends,

It's hard to believe another month of first grade is behind us! In reading, we are working on building good reading habits. Some of these habits include previewing a book before reading, rereading to smooth out our voice, and using the pictures to help solve tricky words.

First grade authors have begun drafting their first Small Moment books, in which they write about one time they did something or something happened to them. So far, we have learned that the steps to writing a story are to think of an idea, plan, and write. Soon we will work on revising. Please practice writing at home too, and if your child asks you how to spell a word, encourage him/her to "stretch it out" and write a letter for each sound.

In math, we are working on building our understanding of the relationships between numbers. Numbers are flexible and there is more than one way to break apart a number. We continue to add computation and problem solving strategies to our toolbox to help with solving equations. Don't forget to play your new part-part-total game at home!

During Social Thinking we are learning strategies to "make it right" if we notice that someone else is not having good thoughts and calm feelings.

Sincerely,  
Ms. Kantrow ☺

## Student of the Month:

*Gabriella*

## Grow Awards:

Great choices: *Hailie*

Reach for your best: *Edisson*

Open to learning: *Cameron*

We support each other: *Mickiyah*

*Awesome job! ☺*

## Thank you!

I want to extend my deepest gratitude for your participation in our Academic Parent Teacher Team (APTT) meeting. I am thrilled and honored to share that 94% of our students were represented by at least one family member. It was so special for me to get to know each of you a little more and hear what you love about your child. I was truly impressed with everyone's engagement and willingness to set high goals and work together to achieve them. I look forward to our next APTT meeting on *Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>* and welcome any and all feedback on our first meeting!

- ☀️ Please provide your student with **ONLY one, healthy, neat, nut-free** snack each day.
- ☀️ All first graders should be reading for at least 20 minutes each night, in addition to playing the activities that were sent home at our APTT meeting. They should be discussing and/or writing about the book after they read it.

